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In re application: Xiu Xiu Cheng, et al.

Serial No.: 09/705,625

Filed: November 3, 2000

For: METHODS FOR TREATING DIABETES VIA ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLLED RELEASE
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
 Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
 No fee for additional claims is required.
 A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	LARGE ENTITY	
	FOR:	REMAINING	HIGHEST	RATE	FEES	RATE	
	AFTER	PREVIOUSLY	PRESENT				
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INDEP. CLAIMS	* Minus***	=	0	x \$ 42	\$	x \$ 84	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$140	\$	+ \$280	\$
				TOTAL:	\$	OR	TOTAL: \$

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 Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)
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 Other:

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Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.

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Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

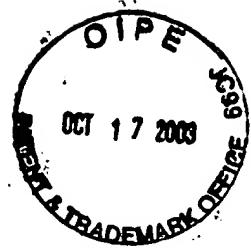
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Re: Application of: Xiu Xiu Cheng, et al.
Serial No.: 09/705,625
Filed: November 3, 2000
For: **Methods for Treating Diabetes Via
Administration Of Controlled Release
Metformin**
Examiner: T. Ware Art Unit: 1615

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Sir:

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 14, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as provided in the section below entitled "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS."